

## MINUTES

### All Party Group on Climate Action

5 April 2024 | 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

At: Virtual

**Chair:** Danny Donnelly MLA

**Minutes:** Nichola Hughes

**Members in attendance:** Danny Donnelly MLA (Chair), Cllr Billy Webb

**In attendance:** Clare Bailey, David Middlemiss, George Tarvit, Louise Close, Katherine McKee, Caitlin Deeney, Kevin McGarry, Ciaran Ferrin, Gemma Richardson, Carol-Anne Frame, Gerard Carlin, Nick Hanrahan, Jennifer McLoughlin, Sophie Brown, Darryn Mallon, Eimear Montague, Johnny Stewart, Sharon Cabecinha, Brandon Andrews, Una Mailey, Emma Adair, Francesca Di Palo.

**Apologies:** John Blair MLA, Cllr Jay Burbank

<b>1</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
	Danny Donnelly ( <b>DD</b> ), Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
	Apologies were recorded.
<b>1.3</b>	<b>Minutes of meeting on 1 March 2024</b>
	Minutes of the meeting on 1 March were adopted after the meeting by email: Proposed by Peter McReynolds; Seconded by John Blair.
<b>1.4</b>	<b>Matters arising</b>
	The Chair noted thanks to Clare Bailey for acting as secretary for the APG at Sustainable NI for the past year. He reminded members that Nichola Hughes would be returning in April and will be the primary contact for the Group. He thanked Francesca Di Palo at Sustainable NI for facilitating today's meeting.  <b>DD</b> reminded members that February's meeting was cancelled at short notice due to work to establish the Executive and restore the Assembly and that the meeting had been re-scheduled to today. He thanked the speakers for their patience, flexibility and time.
<b>2</b>	<b>Presentation: Competition and Markets Authority Sustainability Taskforce</b>
	<b>DD</b> welcomed David Middlemiss ( <b>DM</b> ), Director, Sustainability Taskforce and Louise Close ( <b>LC</b> ), CMA Representative for Northern Ireland, who jointly delivered a presentation on the CMA's Sustainability Taskforce which is helping shape and

	<p>implement the CMA's environmental sustainability strategy which is based on three main pillars:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensuring that new markets promoting environmental goals work in ways favourable to competition and consumers.</li> <li>2. Ensuring that consumers can make informed choices.</li> <li>3. Facilitating legitimate cooperation between businesses to enhance environmental sustainability.</li> </ol> <p><b>Presentation:</b>  <a href="https://www.sustainableni.org/sites/default/files/APG%20Presentations%205%20April%202024.pdf">https://www.sustainableni.org/sites/default/files/APG%20Presentations%205%20April%202024.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Contact:</b> <a href="mailto:sustainabilitytaskforce@cma.gov.uk">sustainabilitytaskforce@cma.gov.uk</a></p> <p>A group Q&amp; A followed. See <a href="#">recording</a>.</p> <p><b>DD</b> thanked <b>DM</b> and <b>LC</b> for their presentation.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Presentation: Sustainable Scotland Network</b></p> <p><b>DD</b> welcomed George Tarvit (<b>GT</b>), Director of Sustainable Scotland Network, who provided an overview of Public Sector Climate Change Reporting Duties under the Scottish Climate Change Act. George outlined the role of SSN in supporting public sector bodies to comply with the duties.</p> <p><b>Presentation:</b>  <a href="https://www.sustainableni.org/sites/default/files/APG%20Presentations%205%20April%202024.pdf">https://www.sustainableni.org/sites/default/files/APG%20Presentations%205%20April%202024.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Contact:</b> <a href="mailto:George.tarvit@ed.ac.uk">George.tarvit@ed.ac.uk</a></p> <p>A group Q&amp;A followed. <a href="#">See recording</a>.</p> <p><b>ET</b> thanked <b>GT</b> for his presentation.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>DD</b> reminded people that if they want to share news of upcoming events that may be of interest to the group, please send these to <a href="mailto:nichola@sustainableni.org">nichola@sustainableni.org</a> for circulation in due course.</p> <p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 @ 12noon (Virtual).</p> <p>No further items of business.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Summary and close</b></p> <p><b>ET</b> thanked everyone for attending. Meeting closed at 12.57.</p>